

## MASONS OF LONDON HONOR GRAND MASTER OF CANADA

One Thousand Master Masons Greet Lieut.-Col. W. N. Ponton, K.C., on Official Visit to City—Present Him With Clock, Marble Candlesticks and Illuminated Address.

With pomp and ceremony, almost one thousand Master Masons of London, with their ladies paid homage to Lieut.-Col. W. N. Ponton, K.C., of Belleville, Grand Master of Ancient and Accepted Free Masons of Canada in Ontario at the Masonic Temple, Queen's avenue, last night, on the occasion of his official visit to London. Beautiful gowns worn by the ladies, blue lodge regalia worn by the Master Masons present and red, orange and yellow decorations of the temple auditorium united in a delightful color scheme at this most outstanding Masonic social event of the year in the Forest City.

A feature of the evening was the presentation of a French Empire clock of Louis XIV. design, and a pair of marble candlesticks by the London Masons to their grand master, along with an illuminated address of welcome, which was read by Right Worshipful Brother A. E. Cooper, P. D. D. G. M., chairman of the reception committee. Most Worshipful Brother Ponton was taken by surprise at this token of esteem, but replied in a most eloquent address.

**Marched to Auditorium.** Shortly after eight o'clock the Master Masons gathered for the reception and repaired to the blue lodge room on the third floor, while the ladies took places in the gallery of the temple auditorium. Marshalled by Wor. Bro. Nelson P. Walsh, the Masons marched in pairs down the stairs to the auditorium, the grand master, grand lodge officers, masters of the ten London blue lodges, and reception committee forming up in the rear. On the main floor of the auditorium the Master Masons placed themselves eight abreast on either side while the distinguished visitor and his retinue marched to the platform between the human aisles.

Upon the grand master taking his position on the platform, grand honors were paid him by the assemblage, after which Chairman Cooper read the address of welcome and made the presentation. In reply, Grand Master Ponton said in part: "After listening to this word picture I am glad that my family is not here, because none of the members would recognize this imaginary paragon of virtues already disclosed. However, my family is here, as I am the greatest father in Canada, with 97,000 Master Masons as sons. That is a good record. We are all one family, and I hope that will be the note here tonight. The ten lodges of London represent the five points of fellowship multiplied by two."

**Reap Much Benefit.** In a tribute to the ladies present, Lieut.-Col. Ponton admonished them not to protest the action of husband, brother, father or sweetheart in attending lodge regularly, pointing out the beautiful principles exemplified in Masonry, from which members may reap much benefit. Referring to the fact the members of the fair sex are not eligible to membership in the craft, he said, "because that is contrary to our teachings and discourses. The Irish say that the women would be jealous of one another and could not promote continuous harmony, but the French have the real explanation. They say that we as Masons are always

blind Northern and Southern Ontario together. We are all one, and not of the north and of the south," he concluded.

### Paid Tribute to Rowe.

During the evening Most Wor. Bro. Ponton paid tribute to Rt. Wor. Bro. Thomas Rowe, a member of Grand Lodge, whom he declared passed on all Masonic benevolent accounts before they are paid. The grand master stated that therefore London is the center of Masonic philanthropy for the province. He also eulogized Wor. Bro. Oliver Elwood, Richard Booth and A. E. Cooper, who were seated on the platform with the masters of the ten Masonic Blue Lodges of London. A particular tribute was paid by him to Rt. Wor. Bro. Ben. Noble, district deputy grand master of London district, whom the grand master referred to as "one of nature's noblemen."

At this point several letters and telegrams were read from Grand Lodge officers unable to attend, regretting their inability to do so. One of these communications was from Grand Deputy Master W. J. Drope, who could not be present because of the fact that his son is seriously ill in a hospital at Hamilton.

A short entertainment was then held, songs being rendered by Mrs. Edward Wyatt, Mr. Edward Webster and Mr. Christiani. Mr. George Steer recited in a capable manner, and the work of all these artists was of such high order that they were forced to respond to encores.

After the concert had concluded an assembly, marshalled by the grand master, concluded under the direction of Wor. Bro. Nelson P. Walsh. Led by Grand Master Ponton and Mrs. A. E. Cooper of London, several hundred couples wended their way about the main, dance floor, while scores of guests looked at this pleasing sight from the gallery.

**Adjourned to Refectory.** At 11 o'clock the thousand Master Masons present and their ladies adjourned to the refectory of the temple, where hot supper was served. This event was concluded at midnight, after which dancing in the auditorium was in order. The reception committee concluded the evening morning, and Lieut.-Colonel Ponton departed from London at 6 a.m. today.

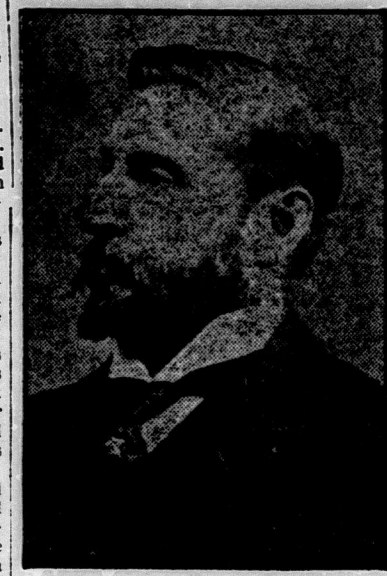
He arrived from Belleville via six o'clock railway shortly before six o'clock and was met at the station by the following prominent London Masons: Right Worshipful Brothers Dr. Ziegler, W. H. Line, Thomas Essery, Richard Booth, A. E. Cooper and Ben Noble, district deputy grand master of the London district.

The above committee tendered the grand master an informal welcome to dinner. Other Grand Lodge officers, after which the party left for the Tremaine Hotel, where they sat down to a dinner.

Those who were present at the function last night, and who occupied places on honor on the platform are: Rt. Wor. Bro. Theodore Morris, D.D.G.M., Palmerston district; Rt. Wor. Bro. Fawcett, D.D.G.M., Niagara district No. 10; Rt. Wor. Bro. G. H. Ryerson, Brantford district; Rt. Wor. Bro. A. E. Cooper, St. John's district No. 23; Rt. Wor. Bro. A. E. Richardson, past grand registrar; Richard Booth, past grand secretary; Past Grand Secretary C. O. Lutton, Belmont; Rt. Wor. Bro. C. E. Richardson, St. Mary's D.D.G.M., South Huron district No. 4; Rt. Wor. Bro. W. T. Turner, Windsor, D.D.G.M., Erie district No. 1.

In addition, several Master Masons of London district were in attendance, owing to the fact that the grand master will not likely visit their respective lodges. Much credit is due Rt. Wor. Bro. A. E. Cooper and Wor. Bro. Richard Booth, chairman and secretary, respectively, of the reception committee, and their fellow-officers, whose efforts aided materially in making last night's function a decided success.

The ten masters of the local Blue Lodges also assisted, and were each introduced to the grand master. These officers are as follows: Wor. Bro. A. E. Johnson, St. John's Lodge, No. 20; Wor. Bro. Thomas Shaw, St. George's Lodge, No. 42; Wor. Bro. Geo. E. Perry, Kilwinning



SIR H. RIDER HAGGARD.

Famous British novelist, has protested against the spoliation of the tombs of the Pharaohs, urging that the remains of King Tut-Ankh-Amen be reburied in the Great Pyramid, where they would be safe from further molestation.

Lodge, No. 64; Wor. Bro. Roy Cairncross, Tuscan Lodge, No. 135; Wor. Bro. Herbert McNab, St. John's Lodge, No. 209; Wor. Bros. James Mills, Corinthian Lodge, No. 330; Wor. Bro. Frank Hornsby, King Solomon Lodge, No. 218; Wor. Bro. H. E. Livermore, Union Lodge, No. 280; Wor. Bro. J. H. C. Woodward, Acacia Lodge, No. 530; and Wor. Bro. Albert M. Trick, Temple Lodge, No. 597.

Most Worshipful Brother Ponton is no stranger to London Masons, having paid several visits to this city in his official capacities when he held various high offices in the craft. His last visit to London was in 1922 when he attended the dedication of Temple Lodge, No. 597, and those Masons privileged to hear his address at that time retain pleasant recollections of a brilliant speaker and a forceful personality.

**Successful Lawyer.** Besides his Masonic activities, the grand master has obtained signal success in the legal profession, having served as king's counselor in Belleville and district for many years. He is a graduate of the University of Toronto, and some time before the Great War was gazetted as a lieutenant-colonel in the Canadian militia.

Owing to the fact that he had passed the age at which Canadian citizens were accepted for overseas military service, the grand master was denied an opportunity of serving his country overseas during the Great War, but this did not deter him from lending every effort to the Allied cause while remaining at home. Several young members of Lieutenant-Colonel Ponton's family served in the fighting zone during the war, including a son.

### HONEY PRODUCERS WILL HOLD GATHERINGS

The Ontario Honey Producers Limited will hold a series of meetings as follows: Feb. 21, Parkhill; Feb. 23, Stratford; March 1, London. These meetings will consist of an afternoon meeting of the local committees, and an evening meeting open to the public in each place.

E. T. Bailer will be the speaker at the London meeting on March 3.

## TRUSTEE'S MOTION MAY BAR PRESS FROM ALL MEETINGS

Mrs. J. I. A. Hunt Gives Notice She Will Introduce Sweeping Resolution At Next Session—Board of Education Accepts Hussey To Advisory Committee.

During the dying moments of a fiery board of education session last night, Trustee Mrs. J. I. A. Hunt gave notice of motion, which if passed at the next meeting may exclude the press and thus the public from meetings of the various committees of the board. It is also implied that there is some dissatisfaction with the minutes as kept at present by the secretary.

The notice of Trustee's motion was: "That at the next regular meeting of the board, I shall move that a stenographer be present at our committee meetings to take the minutes so that members away from the city, or ill, will have a full knowledge of all that has taken place, and that the records of the board be made public, so that any trustee may see these records will not be made public until they come up before the board."

One of the first matters to come up, one that instantly provoked debate, was an account from Adam Fawcett, of \$761.12, as accounting of options in Trafalgar property. Secretary W. A. Tanner explained that Mr. Palmer got prices on land in Trafalgar street, near the east side of Rumball, and he named the lots.

"Who ordered him to do this?" questioned Trustee Mrs. J. I. A. Hunt. There was a general talk, and Trustee Rev. Quintin Warner requested a second reading of the account, which the secretary had read yesterday.

Trustee Dr. A. J. Grant stressed the point that the onus would rest on whether Mr. Palmer was instructed to do this or had done it on his own initiative. "I know that Mr. Palmer was out there with some of the trustees," put in Trustee J. B. Wright, "and that he had a talk with Mr. Silverwood about the matter."

"Maybe there are more bills like that," offered Trustee N. F. Wilmott. "Better go slow." Trustee Grant asked whether there were any trustees present who knew anything about the matter, upon which Mr. Palmer asked. There was considerable undertone discussion, but Trustee Grant's question went unanswered. The matter was finally referred to the public school building committee, with power, for investigation.

Another matter around which deepest mystery has been cast seemed to have resulted from Wednesday's "star chamber session" the matter of a salary for the secretary, W. A. Tanner. This was made known when the report of the salary committee was read.

### Salaries Are Raised.

On Monday, February 5, the finance committee reported on the salaries of the two inspectors and the secretary. Senior Inspector V. K. Greer's salary was raised \$200 in view of extra work and recognition of good work. The junior inspector, G. A. Wheable, also was accorded a raise amounting to \$100. In view of the fact that the secretary's salary had been raised \$250 as recently as last September, the trustees comprising the finance committee were in opposition to any raise. Their recommendation was therefore sent forward, leaving the secretary's salary as it was, at \$2,750 per year.

Wednesday, February 14, there was a meeting called by the secretary, which, after much questioning of many of the trustees, was found to be an "informal gathering" of the salary committee. The secretary yesterday morning would give absolutely no information as to what was done nor as to the purpose of the "informal gathering."

It should be interesting to the ratepayers to know, however, that

at that "informal gathering" (as was disclosed at yesterday's meeting) the decision of the finance committee regarding the secretary's salary was held at naught and another raise of \$250 made. The secretary's salary will now be \$3,000 per year. Other raises were made in the salaries of several stenographers.

Trustee Wright refused to vote for the raise. Trustee Thomas Rowe, who strenuously opposed the raise in the secretary's salary, at the finance committee meeting, was not present yesterday. The board of education appropriation estimates, or rather the totals presented, amounting to \$32,137, as announced in The Advertiser on Wednesday. This amount comprises all the estimates, with the exception of the public school building program, which was also published some days ago, making a total of over \$1,200,000. The whole matter of estimates was after some discussion, left over "until a later date."

Trustee Bryden Campbell at this point alluded to a notice of motion he had given "three meetings ago" to the effect that the appointment of a stenographer to take the minutes of the board should be a salary of \$2,500, be reconsidered.

"I suppose it is all right to bring this up now," he said. "By not being properly incorporated in the minutes, it will probably be necessary to bring it up next meeting." He then again presented the secretary with a copy, and agreed to move to that effect.

It was then that Mrs. Hunt's notice of motion was offered. While Mrs. Hunt, after the meeting, declined to either support or oppose the motion in the minutes (as had occurred in Trustee Campbell's case) would then not be able to happen.

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### Hussey Is Accepted.

There was a storm of protest from Trustee Dr. Grant. "It seems to me we spend a great deal of time bringing this matter up and then laying it over. This question has been brought up at the last three meetings. If the position is important enough to have filled, then I am in favor of settling the thing once and for all," he said.

He asked whether it was not a fact that at a previous meeting a recommendation from the trades and labor council had been read, endorsing James Hussey. If there was nothing derogatory, and he could see no reason why there was, he thought the endorsement of the trades and labor council should be recognized.

"Let's dispose of this business," he urged, and he put his motion. The vote was almost unanimous in acceptance of James Hussey as member of the advisory vocational committee. Trustee A. E. Silverwood's amendment that the board meetings be held on the first Tuesday following the first Monday of the month was carried. The original motion was to make the day of the board meeting the first Tuesday in the month.

Proposed by Trustee A. E. Silverwood to assist the Rotary Club in fathering a "Boys' Hobby Fair" was named consisting of the board of trustees, the senior inspector, the principal of the Technical School, and the two collegiate principals (if the work was found to involve the colleges).

The fair will be held May 23 to 26

## DRIVER OF DEATH CAR PAYS FINE FOR LIQUOR

Chatham Magistrate Imposes Penalty On Man Acquitted of Manslaughter.

**BOUGHT IN LONDON**  
Case Outcome of Highway Fatality in Which Keyes Met Death.

**Special to The Advertiser.** Chatham, Feb. 16.—Pleading guilty to a charge of having liquor on unauthorized premises, contrary to the Ontario temperance act, Michael William Mitchell, acquitted Tuesday morning in the assize court on a charge of manslaughter, paid a fine of \$200, when brought before Magistrate Arnold in the county police court in the afternoon. The costs amounted to \$61.50.

Statements made by Mitchell in his defence on manslaughter charge was that he had bought two bottles of liquor from a belloy in a London hotel, for which he had paid \$11.

These were the bottles which were broken in the fatal automobile collision, which were subsequently found, wrapped and sealed intact. "Considering the fact that this man has been in jail for nearly a month, I am prepared to consent to the minimum fine being imposed," said Magistrate Arnold.

A similar charge had been preferred against Benny Kert, Russell avenue, Detroit, owner of the death car, Crown Attorney Smith said he would consent to this case being dismissed.

Mitchell, his brother and friends moved to Detroit yesterday afternoon in the Cadillac car, which figured in the provincial highway fatality.

### TO GIVE DEMONSTRATION ON CULTURE OF APPLES

A short demonstration in apple culture will be held by the Ontario Department of Agriculture in Strathroy on Feb. 16.—The program includes demonstration in barrel and bushing of apples, P. J. Carey, pruning, R. R. Waddie, spraying, E. Carpenter, fruit inspection, F. L. Gabel.

This is a demonstration by men who are recognized in the province as experts, and though lasting only one day, is recommended by the department as being well worth their attendance. The meetings will be held in the town hall.

### HOLD FUNERAL TODAY.

Robert Charles Teffer, aged 52, who died on Tuesday at the residence of his sister, 147 Marmion street and who lived at 580 St. David street, was buried at 2 o'clock today in Mount Pleasant Cemetery.

## KILLS HIS DAUGHTER AS HE PLANS SUICIDE

Walter Hubbard, Saginaw, Tells Court Reason For Murderous Act.

**GIRL FEARED FATE**  
Mother of Slain Girl Collapses As Witness Relates Story.

**Special to The Advertiser.** Saginaw, Mich., Feb. 16.—Walter T. Hubbard killed his 12-year-old daughter Marguerite because he planned to commit suicide and wanted her in the other world with him. This was the confession Hubbard, on trial in circuit court here, made to Leo Forsyth, a policeman, Forsyth testified today. Forsyth, who guarded Hubbard in St. Mary's Hospital, where he was taken after he cut his own throat, said he asked Hubbard why he killed his daughter.

Hubbard told him he picked Marguerite up in his arms to put her to bed the night she was slain, and that as he carried her up the stairs, he whispered to her: "Marguerite, you are too dear to leave behind; I will put you in the Lord's care."

"That the girl had a premonition of the fate awaiting her the night of Feb. 15 was acknowledged in testimony of Mrs. Mary Payne earlier in the day.

Mrs. Payne, a friend of the Hubbard family for many years, who called at the Hubbard home the night Marguerite was murdered, testified the girl seemed loath to go to bed, and made many excuses to her mother why she should be allowed to stay up late that night.

As Mrs. Payne told how Mrs. Hubbard urged Marguerite to retire, the mother of the murdered girl jumped from her seat in the court room and rushed to the door, uttered a cry and sank to the floor in a faint. This is the third time in two days that Mrs. Hubbard has collapsed.

Her condition was reported critical.

### DANCE HITS OF COMING SUMMER.

It is predicted by masters of the dance that "Parade of the Wooden Soldiers" and "Gallagher and Shean" two fox trots, played by Paul Whitman and his orchestra on Victor record No. 1907, will be the outstanding dance hits for the coming summer's dancing. Don't be disappointed if Order of the Arrow or the Heintzman, 222 Dundas St. East—Advt.

### POST'S CONDITION IMPROVING.

George Post, 11 Leslie street, West London, who was burned while at work at the Middlesex Motors late yesterday afternoon, and who was taken to Victoria Hospital, is reported to be improving.

## This Laxative Works Fine on Old People

Thousands have kept themselves healthy with Dr. Caldwell's Laxative Syrup Pepsin

ADVANCING age with its subdued ambitions and strivings could be made very happy if only good health accompanied it, and the basis of good health is good digestion. As every one learns upon reaching the age of 60, is the regular daily movement of the bowels. If it can be effected through the food you eat, the water you drink and the exercise you take, so much the better. But if nature will not operate it must be assisted or sickness will follow. Neglected constipation causes the blood pressure to go up 25 per cent, and that is the forerunner of hardening of the arteries. It makes rheumatism and gout worse, too.

The ideal constipation remedy for people of advancing years is Dr. Caldwell's Laxative Syrup Pepsin, a vegetable compound of Egyptian senna and pepsin with pleasant-tasting aromatics. It is gentle and mild, and does not cramp or gripe. It is a mistake to think you need a violent salt or powder or pill, or even a cathartic drug and such things. They purge and weaken you, and their reaction tends to make you more constipated than before.

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Use Dr. Caldwell's Laxative Syrup Pepsin yourself the next time you suffer from constipation, biliousness, headache, sleeplessness, indigestion, piles or night cramps. Many thousands of elderly people use nothing else, and it costs them less than a cent a dose. Druggists have sold it successfully for 30 years, and it is the most widely bought family laxative in the world.

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## PORT STANLEY BLAZE DESTROYS LANDMARK

Fire Which Threatened East Side of Village Causes \$3,000 Loss.

**Special to The Advertiser.** Port Stanley, Feb. 15.—Fire, which broke out at 11 o'clock last night in the jewelry store occupied by William Devind completely destroyed the property, which was formerly the Commercial Hotel, one of the oldest landmarks of this village.

Overheated stoves were believed to have been the cause of the outbreak, which was only brought under control after two hours' strenuous work on the part of the local fire fighters, who quickly responded to the alarm turned in by Alderman W. T. Bell.

The tenant, Mr. Devind, of the property, which is owned by Stacey Bros., had a narrow escape in getting out of the burning building, as he only became aware of the outbreak when it had assumed such proportions as to threaten the entire east side of the village, and which was only prevented from spreading by the herculean efforts of the firemen, assisted by Night Watchman Harry Turner.

The loss is estimated at \$3,000, and is reported to be only partially covered by insurance.

## FRANCE PLANS TO FLOAT HUGE INTERIOR LOAN

Will Use Money Raised To Rebuild the Devastated Areas.

**Special Cable to The Advertiser.** Paris, Feb. 15.—France, unable to obtain money from Germany with which to rebuild the devastated areas, proposes to float an interior loan of 8,000,000,000 francs for rehabilitation of the region. The Chamber of Deputies sanctioned the floating of this loan together with another for 5,000,000,000 francs, with which the budget will be balanced. A loan of Poland four hundred million francs was also sanctioned despite the objections of Morucci and other communists, who declared the present state of France's finances did not warrant the making of loans to other countries.

### THE BEAUTY OF HEALTH

Newspapers and magazines are devoted to columns to magic or night beautifiers. There is a beauty in health that is far more attractive to men than mere regularity of features or a made-up complexion. Health should be the first essential of women who want to win and hold admiration, respect and love. At the first indication of ill health as indicated by dark circles under the eyes, a sallow complexion, headaches, backache, pain in the side, nervousness, irritability and melancholia, women should take Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound, the standard remedy for women's ills, which has been proven to help 98 out of every 100 women who try it.—Advt.



'IT'S WORTH FETCHING'